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SUBJECT: WAIVER OF NIV PERSONAL APPEARANCE
REQUIREMENT

REF: PEKING 1942

1. DEPT BELIEVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY
INSISTING ON PERSONAL INTERVIEW FOR ALL NIV APPLICANTS AS
CHINESE ARE PRESUMABLY AWARE THAT WE CAN AND FREQUENTLY
DO WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, CHINESE SHOULD ALSO
BE AWARE THAT WAIVER IS NOT AUTOMATIC AND PERSONAL APPEAR-
ANCES MAY BE REQUIRED OF ANY APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
US IMMIGRATION LAW.

2. USLO OFFICER SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE PRC OFFICIAL
THAT WHILE THE US RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE A PERSONAL
INTERVIEW OF ANY NIV APPLICANT, US VISA LAW PROVIDES FOR
WAIVER OF INTERVIEW, AT VISA ISSUING OFFICER'S DISCRETION,
FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF VISA APPLICANTS, INCLUDING
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PERSONS WISHING TO VISIT RELATIVES IN THE US. USG IS

THEREFORE PREPARED TO ACCEPT VISA APPLICATIONS PROCESSED THROUGH OVERSEAS CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE, BUT WILL, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE REQUIREMENT WILL BE WAIVED.

3. IF USLO HAS NO OBJECTIONS, DEPT SUGGESTS NIV APPLICATION FORMS BE SENT TO CHANGS THROUGH OVERSEAS CHINESE TRAVEL SERVICE WITH NO REFERENCE TO NEED FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW.
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